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Sunday

February 10<sup>th</sup> 1881

My dear Elbridge

I suppose you are beginning to think I am not going to write but the fact is I really have had no time, every morning for the last two weeks I have gotten up with the determination of writing before night, but something has always happened to prevent. First of all thank you for the letter which I appreciate then take my thanks for your own, and for the photograph, which I am bound to say does not flatter, it is very like you when you look your worst, the gentleman who brought



it neither came in nor left  
his direction for which I was sorry  
as Uncle Tim wanted to call  
on him and thank him for  
his politeness. you are already pa-  
rased and hung. Time has gone  
so rapidly with me lately that it is  
almost frightful now, from which  
you may infer I am tolerably  
occupied, I have done no sewing  
worth mentioning for the last  
three months, being out the whole  
day generally, and very often in  
the evening or else having company.  
Della has a large circle of youths  
who are particularly fond of spend-  
ing the evening here of course I  
have to play propriety, and when  
she is out she is polite myself.  
Tell your <sup>mother</sup> I am behaving very well  
haven't much out of the room of



for company I don't know when  
and yesterday walked delight-  
fully in to a fashionable set  
with my hair done up in a  
net but not ornamental pig  
tail of one behind. Station wh  
last time a week I am getting  
on splendidly. The girls went  
up toburyton on Thursday I  
was to have gone but backed  
out at the last moment making  
Spraw take my place too.  
Spraw is at present like you afflic-  
ted with a bad cough, in the  
artist line, her behavior I am  
happy to state is perfectly correct  
this is the word. My painting  
is progressing admirably is is the  
most  
fascinating amusement I ever  
tried also the most fashionable  
you have no idea how pretty



~~The women~~ looks with their red  
~~shirts~~ And for aught, this simile  
~~will not~~ <sup>suit</sup> you as it necessarily  
~~involved~~ in great display of ankle  
~~trousers~~ etc

Your letter to Belle has  
 arrived. But B is not home, so  
 I am tantalized with a letter  
 I cannot open. While Tim is now  
 home I hope for good, but he  
 is not well and looks wretched  
 etc. The weather is perfectly  
~~brilliant~~ just bitter cold, then  
~~clear and~~ muggy, but as I see  
 a small gleam of sunshine  
 I will not complain it is  
 impolitic Mrs Marbury sends  
 her love to you. Mercifully  
 ditto as I have really nothing  
 to tell I shall not waste  
 fine paper and ink  
~~write~~ soon a long thick  
 satisfactory letter With love